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CONGRATULATIONS

Leaping Wolf

Phillip Coetzee - 1st Newton Park
Chesney Brooke - 1st Newton Park

Miss Edith Hayes of Uitenhage who celebrated her 90th Birthday on Sunday 10th December, 2000.

Justine van Rooyen, daughter of "Badger" Johan van Rooyen, who has graduated as a Medical Doctor.

Michael Hopkins, son of Cliff and Jan Hopkins, who received a special award for attaining an outstanding 91% pass in the Marine Engineering Initial Careers Course in the Royal Navy in Britain.

All the successful **Matriculants and Graduates**; some of whom will be moving further afield. For you, an old Irish blessing:

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall soft on your fields
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY MISS HAYES

When people in Uitenhage speak of Scouting there is always one name that pops up. "Do you remember Miss Edith Hayes?" Miss Hayes is synonymous with Scouting in the town. At the age of 90 years she is still a member of the Uitenhage L.A. and attends all the AGM's and other special functions of the 1st Uitenhage (SOE) Scout Group. On 10th December, 2000, Miss Hayes celebrated her 90th Birthday.



Following morning service at the John Street Methodist Church where she is a member, it was "Open House". Right through lunch, afternoon tea and a buffet supper, the festivities continued. That is quite something for a nonagenarian, but let's not forget that Miss Hayes is fit and sprightly. She walks wherever she has to go, does her own housework and tends her garden!

With acknowledgements to the UD News, the following: "Life begets life, energy creates energy – it is by spending oneself that one becomes rich", was once said by famous actress Sarah Bernhardt – and such a person is Miss Edith Hayes.

Miss Hayes celebrated her 90th birthday with friends and family from all parts of the country. She has journeyed through life with a passion for 'energy' and is still an example of someone who 'lives to the full'. At present she is busy writing the 'story of her life'. Paging with her through her memories, the 'richness' of experiences while travelling through life and the world is absolutely captivating. "I didn't realize it will be so much fun writing my memoirs – and that I was quite a naughty girl", she said.

Miss Hayes was also involved in the Scout Movement for 72 years and was a founder member of the Girl Guide Association in Uitenhage. The Chief Scout of the World, from England, (Lord Rowallan) once visited Miss Hayes – to honour her with the Medal of Merit, for her outstanding service. She was also honoured with a medal for long service in the Boy Scouts, where she was a Cub Master for 25 years. A Medal of Merit as a Lay Member also came her way.

Miss Hayes has represented the Eastern Province in badminton and was a keen tennis player, but "I'm not old enough for bowls yet", she said jokingly. Her philosophy of life for the past 90 years: "God never forsakes me".

SCOUTING FOR OUR COUNTRY

To all members of the Scout movement in South Africa - A message from G.B. Dlamini (Asst. Chief Scout) and J.M. Deane (Chief Scout's Comm.) has been circulated in the Area and copies are available at the Scout Shop. Please make sure that everyone in the movement reads and understands this important message and responds to it for the future good of the movement.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

22 February	B.P. Day
24 February	B.P. Dinner – Port Elizabeth
10 March	Cub Water Challenge – Uitenhage
3 March	Jungle Background Course – PE
17 – 18 March	Kontiki – Redhouse, Port Elizabeth
18 March	Cub Kontiki – Redhouse, PE
31 March	Night Hike – Port Elizabeth
01 April	Cub Beach Soccer Challenge – Sardinia Bay, Port Elizabeth
27 – 29 April	Team Scream – Cape Western
10 – 19 December	6th SANJAMB – Vaal Dam, Gauteng

SAYING GOODBYE!

I would like to take this opportunity to say Goodbye to all who got to know me at the Scout Shop. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

A Big Thank you to all who were so helpful and understanding, especially in the beginning. It was not easy entering into the Scouting fraternity in 1996, not having a clue what Scouting was all about - Never mind P O & R - and not having somebody's footsteps to follow in.

A special Thank you to Tiny Packwood for all her help and filing etc. and our Area Commissioner, Mr Ernie Pike, who was always understanding and willing to help and advise where necessary.

You will all be missed.

Margaret Marais. (Area Secretary)

JUNGLE BACKGROUND COURSE

Applications are invited for a Jungle Background Course.

Date:	Saturday 10th March, 2001
Venue:	St. Croix Scout Hall, Port Elizabeth
Cost:	R35
Qualification:	Pack Scouter, Assistant Pack Scouter, Pack Helper (Warranted or not)

Closing date for applications is Saturday 17th February 2001 and no late entries will be accepted.

For application forms, contact AAC:ALT Jan Hopkins, Tel 041 3791955 or 083 652 9886 (evenings), or collect one from the Scout Shop.

CUB CRICKET CHALLENGE

Thanks to Lenny and Liane Gardner of 2nd Kabega and their team of helpers for organizing another great day of cricket for the Cubs. A special word of welcome to the boy and girl Cubs from St Croix and the girl Cubs from 2nd Algoa who were first time contenders. Despite the howling wind and smattering of rain, all had a good time. Nine Cub Packs participated, fielding twelve teams, and 1st Sunridge, 1st Algoa, 1st Newton Park and a combined Newton Park/1st West End team made it through to the pen-ultimate matches. The finals saw 1st Newton Park playing 1st Newton Park/1st West End with 1st Newton Park taking the trophy. Congratulations to the winning team and well done to all the other Cubs who participated in such good spirit.

VISIT TO CRICKET BAT FACTORY

With acknowledgements: "The Kudu Horn"

On 6th December the 1st Cotswold Cub Pack visited a local cricket bat factory in Thornhill. The main topic on the way was of course cricket. The boys seemed to know all about their cricket heroes. Once in the factory they were all ears as the host, Mr Bellingham, took them through the aspects of bat making. Even the adults were fascinated. The Cubs were presented with a Baker's cricket set because they were so well behaved.

GERMAN PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

A number of contacts have been made, and projects developed, between the German Scout Association and the South African Scout Association, resulting in young Scouts and Leaders from Germany visiting and touring in South Africa. There have been requests to spend time in an Area working on a project/s and generally gaining first hand experience of Scouting and life in South Africa. These young Leaders pay their own travel costs but usually appreciate the offer of hospitality with Scout families. Such partnerships are mutually beneficial. SAHQ is keen to assist and so would like Areas to consider how they may be able to offer German leaders the opportunity of involvement. Please contact your Area Secretary in this regard.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2001

Scouters are invited to join other Scouters and Guiders as a SANJAMB Staff Member at the seventh South African National Jamboree that will be taking place at the Vaal Dam, Gauteng Province, from 10th to 19th December, 2001. Adult leaders are required to fill various posts available:

- ☞ Assisting sub-camp chiefs as a Troop/Assistant Troop Leader
- ☞ Assistance in support service such as medical, fire, transport, catering, general duties, security and stores
- ☞ Assistance in the running of various activity bases and camp entertainment

All Staff Member applicants should be registered members of the Scout or Guide Movement and must be over 18 years of age as on 10th December 2001. A non-refundable deposit of R100.00 is payable on submission of each application and the balance of R350.00 is due by 31st October 2001. Total payment received by 30th June will be discounted by R50.00 while monies paid later than 31st October will incur a penalty charge of R100.00. The cost includes food and camping charges but does not cover travel costs, travel allowances and travel and medical insurance. Please enquire at Scout Shop for application forms.



The smallest cub ever, 9 year old Siyabonga Khala from 1st Siyanda Group in Mdantsane, flanked by his Akela, Vusiwe Jaji and Ernie Pike our Area Commissioner, was a very proud and delighted boy to be in uniform.

CHRISTINGLE

Christmas - how long ago it seems - yet for those who attended the Cub Christingle at the Protea Place of Safety in Port Elizabeth the memory surely lingers on. Young voices were lifted in song, singing Christmas Carols, while the children held their Christingles with candles glowing. A Cub from each Pack did a Christmas Reading between singing of the Carols. When it came to "Silent Night" the children of Protea took the lead. Words cannot describe the beauty of their singing. This was a Carol they knew so well - singing it in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa.

Those who dallied after the Christingle were in for a real treat; they were invited to attend a rehearsal of the Protea Place of Safety Christmas Pageant. When we said our good byes, all were filled with the true spirit and peace of the Christmas Season.



CHRISTINGLE
1ST NEWTON PARK CUBS AND FRIENDS



CHRISTINGLE
SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT...



CHRISTINGLE
START OF THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

THE POWER OF THOUGHT

Submitted by Jan Hopkins

One of the most exciting things about growing is that we become more skilful as a person and more in control of our own lives. What does that mean? Let's start by taking a look at how we think affects what happens. You see, the way we think about a problem can limit our ability to solve it. This is called assuming. Although it's okay to assume, locking yourself into any assumption without checking if it's true can completely throw you off course. When we assume, it can make an ASS of U and ME. To check out how much assuming we do, try this simple test:

WHERE'S JOE?

A Leader had just turned off the lights of the meeting room when a man appeared and asked for Joe Smith. The Troop Scouter consulted with a Patrol Leader. A boy ran off. Later a boy arrived on a bicycle. Mark the following statements about the story TRUE, FALSE or QUESTIONABLE.

1. A man appeared after the Troop Scouter turned off the lights of the meeting room
2. The Leader who turned off the lights was a man
3. A man wanted to know where his son was
4. A Patrol Leader went to get Joe
5. Joe was a Scout
6. A Troop Meeting had just ended
7. Joe arrived later on a bicycle
8. A Scout ran to get Joe
9. The Statement is about three adults and three boys
10. The event took place at night

Discuss this individually or with your Assistants as a Patrol exercise. Answers in the next issue of Outtray.

LIFE'S GARDEN

Courtesy of Edith Venter

Plant three rows of peas:

*Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul*

Plant four rows of squash:

*Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness*

Plant four rows of lettuce:

*Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another*

No garden is complete without Thyme:

*Thyme to care
Thyme to laugh
Thyme for one another*

*Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.
You will have much fruit in your garden if you
abide by all these things, because you will reap
what you sow.*

1ST COTSWOLD / 1ST UITENHAGE (SOE) CUB CAMP

Having previously been invited to join 1st Uitenhage (SOE) on a Cub Camp, Akela Leslie and the Cubs of 1st Cotswold returned the hospitality by inviting Uitenhage to join them on their camp over the weekend of 24th – 26th November in the grounds of the 1st Cotswold Scout Hall. For the Cubs from Uitenhage this was a real treat. Wow – they were off to the big city! Upon arrival, Darryl Garner (Dr Chil), supervised the pitching of tents and after the official opening ceremony and introductions everyone went off to enjoy the Cub Christingle. Then it was back to the hall for supper and a traditional campfire.



FLYING KITES

The theme of the camp was "In the Air" and over the weekend the boys made paper gliders with the help of dad Johan Prinsloo. Uncle Arthur and Aunty Mary Finsham (both kite enthusiasts) paid a visit and showed the Cubs how to make the most amazing kites. So simple in design, these kites are sure winners, and the boys were soon having so much fun that they moved up to the koppie where there was more space to fly their kites. In following the theme, after Cubs Own on Sunday morning, the Cubs were taken to the Air Force Museum to see all the old aircraft there.



Lunch time snackwiches supervised by Ernie Pike

A wonderful weekend was had by all. Uncle Arthur's Kites – as mentioned previously – are sure winners; and they are simply made from old plastic shopping bags.

OUTTRAY ON THE INTERNET

You can now download a copy of the Outtray over the Internet. Current and past issues are now available at:

<http://come.to/mlitho>

You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader - this can be downloaded over the Internet as well, just follow the links.

"SCOUTING ABOUT"

With the resignation of the editor, Jay Heale, in August 2000, the winter issue of "Scouting About" was the last published.

Following an internet request for assistance with continuing a national publication in one form or other, Mrs Hazel Smith of Rustenburg, North West, has agreed to take on the task. She is an experienced publisher and is currently responsible for fifteen in-house magazines a month.

Some changes to the present publication will be necessary. Proposals are that:

1. the quarterly magazine will become a bi-monthly newsletter
2. distribution be principally through the internet and by fax
3. subscription be discontinued and the new newsletter will be free of charge. Anyone requesting printed, mailed copies will be asked to cover the cost
4. an active start be immediately made to obtain email addresses from as many people interested in Scouting as possible, including Scouters, Scouts, parents and committee members, and others such as provincial government departments, school principals, church leaders etc.
5. gathering of news from all sections of Scouting will be actively encouraged. The expectation is that the newsletter will cover Scout successes, future events and programme ideas. Wide involvement is critical to success. All Areas are asked to nominate people (at any level) who can be contacted for news.
6. due to the change in format, the name should change. Suggestions for the new name will be welcomed.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence received from John Hunneyball, Chief Executive, SAHQ

To improve communications we wish to build a complete listing of all National and Area personnel with an email address or access to the internet. Details can be emailed directly to sahq@scouting.org.za titled "SAHQ email register". Alternatively, post your details to SAHQ register, PO Box 2434, Clareinch 7740. Please provide:

NAME:

POSITION/WARRANT

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AREA.....

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EMAIL ADDRESS (your own).....

or EMAIL ADDRESS (via third party)

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YOU MISSED OUT!

What a tremendous pity that not one Scout from the Cape Eastern Area participated in the National Senior Scout Adventure in the Cedarberg mountains in December 2000.

The Scouts who attended all rated the adventure one of the best ever!

Mr. Troop Scouter YOU owe it to your Scouts to make every effort to make sure that a patrol or two from your troop participates in this high adventure held in the Cedarberg Mountains every second year.

Other than hiking in and around mountains and visiting areas not normally available to the general public and camping under tremendous oak trees, activities include; diving, sailing, water skiing, flying, parasailing, handicapped awareness, Dutch oven cooking, 4 x 4 driving, canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, rocketry, electronics, bass fishing, pioneering, commando course, handicrafts, clay pigeon shooting, splat gun games and many more.

The adventure is worth every cent it costs - today this area is almost prohibitive cost wise to the average Scout. Nature Conservation now charges R40 per head per day per hiker, plus camping fees in certain areas, plus entrance fees to certain areas etc. (A private individual could pay in the region of R1,000-00 per week!)

Now is the time to plan for the 2002 adventure scheduled to be held in December within a few days of the schools closing and concluding just before Christmas.

What each Troop needs is to make the effort to start saving (R50 per month/Scout) and fund raising (20 car washes per month) for a patrol of 10 plus transport to the adventure. The adventure is for Scouts who are 14 ½ to 18 years of age.

Over the years scouts have participated who are diabetics, hemophiliacs, (one lad needed to have a transfusion every second day! - done on site by himself) asthmatics and many more types of disabilities. - Now that is a challenge!

Mr. Troop Scouter, you can also participate - just get fit - leave your car at home and walk to work, and join the patrol as an advisor, if other Scouters in excess of 50 years of age can do it so can YOU or if you don't fancy that - join the staff at one of the activity bases.

What an adventure of this nature can do for your troop is to develop spirit, team work, improvement in general hiking, camping and scouting skills, make new friends with other scouts across the width and breadth of South Africa and most of all is to have FUN together.

There is a video available on the adventure and anyone wanting use it can contact myself or Jan Hopkins.

For many Scouts the Cedarberg Adventure is the highlight of their scouting career, plan for your troop to be present in December 2002 - plan today - tomorrow will be too late.

As I have hiked with a patrol, 4 of these adventures and being leader of an activity base for a further 5 adventures over a 20 year period, I highly recommend the adventure to all Troop Scouters and Scouts over the age of 14 ½ years of age. Other than being fit is to have a decent pair of well walked in boots. It is great to see and meet up with other Scouters whom one met 20 years ago and still come every adventure with their Scouts.

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1st COTSWOLD CUB PACK OUTING WITH CONSERVATION COASTAL HIKERS

Three dedicated conservationists, all members of the Wildlife & Environment Society of SA (WESSA), are hiking from Kosi Bay in Northern Kwa-Zulu Natal to Alexander Bay in the Western Cape to raise awareness of the marine life and coastal conservation issues.

The group left Kosi Bay on the 20th October 2000 (National Marine Day) and plan to arrive in Alexander Bay on 5th June 2001.

The brave 3, Derek Brown, Robbie Dyer and Raymond Ngubane passed through PE on the 16 & 17th January. Leslie and Ernie Pike went to a talk given by them at the museum complex. Derek & Robbie went to Saasveld College with Sean & Christopher Pike. Seeing them felt like a family gathering as we have also been following their expedition on the 50/50 programme on a Sunday night.

On the 17th January Leslie took her Cubs to start the next leg of their hike from PE. The Cubs enjoyed talking to the 3 hikers and were very pleased to be part of this expedition even if only for such a short distance. The hikers spent time with the Cubs and Raymond (from Kosi Bay) was fascinated by the Cubs as this was the first time he had ever seen a Cub Pack. This was also the first time that any Cubs had joined this expedition. Raymond was also fascinated by all the badges that were adorned on their uniforms. The Cubs were amazed when shown a map of the hike route to see how far the 3 had already hiked.

At Cape Recife, Dr Paul Martin showed the Cubs one Oyster Catchers nest (for those that don't know - this is a bird).

These birds are also being studied by the hikers. The boys were astounded at the camouflaged egg in the nest. Other unusual birds were looked at through Paul's telescope - much to the delight of the boys. Leslie was also a hard task master and made the boys pick up litter whilst on this hike - all in the interest of nature conservation. After all this excitement a well earned lunch was devoured on the beach.

Incidentally, the photos taken and this article will go onto the hikers web page.



CONGRATULATIONS JACKIE SMIDT



Ernie Pike Area Commissioner presenting the award to Jackie Smidt

Congratulations to Jackie Smidt on being presented with a Certificate of Merit on the 27th January 2001. What a task it was to get Jackie to an event without her knowing the purpose thereof. She managed to duck and dive us for almost a year before we managed to catch up to her. Jackie - WELL DONE and thank you for your contribution to the Scout Movement over the past 20 years.

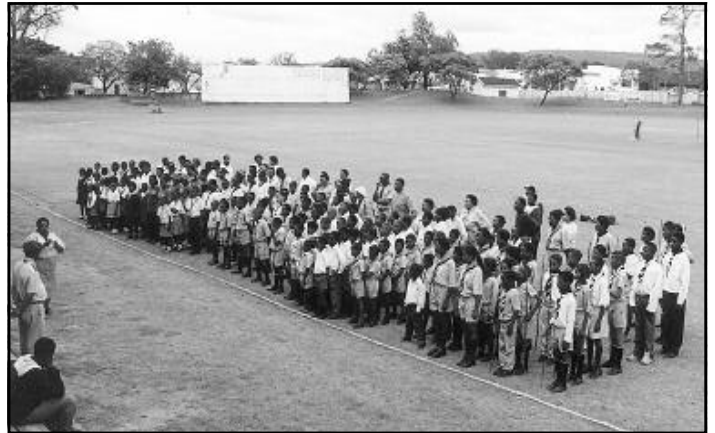
ADULT LEADERSHIP COURSE

On the 26th January an Introduction to Adult Leadership Course was held in Butterworth. Some of the participants attended a skills course which was a follow-up to a previous IAL course.



SCOUT AND GIRL GUIDE RALLY

Late last year a Cub, Scout and Girl Guide Rally was held in King Williams Town for all the Central Region Groups. The rally organised by Ms Letitia Tshetu was well attended and the boys were very proud of their individual group activities performed in front of a very enthusiastic audience. A lot of fun was had by the 23 Groups that attended.



SKILLS COURSE - BUTTERWORTH



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